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Record Votes: Four record votes were taken today. (Total—170) **Pages S6166, S6167, S6168, S6182**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9 a.m., and adjourned at 6:45 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, May 17, 2007. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6214.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: U.S. SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2008 for the United States Securities and Exchange Commission, after receiving testimony from Christopher Cox, Chairman, United States Securities and Exchange Commission.

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense received testimony from sundry public witnesses requesting funding for programs in the Department of Defense appropriations bill for fiscal year 2008.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

An original bill to ensure national security while promoting foreign investment and the creation and maintenance of jobs, to reform the process by which such investments are examined for any effect they may have on national security, to establish the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States;

An original bill to make technical corrections to SAFETEA-LU and other related laws relating to transit;

An original bill to amend the penalty provisions in the International Emergency Economic Powers Act;

H.R. 1675, to suspend the requirements of the Department of Housing and Urban Development regarding electronic filing of previous participation certificates and regarding filing of such certificates with respect to certain low-income housing investors;

H.R. 1676, to reauthorize the program of the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development for loan guarantees for Indian housing;

S. 254, to award posthumously a Congressional gold medal to Constantino Brumidi; and

The nominations of David George Nason, of Rhode Island, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for Financial Institutions, Mario Mancuso, of New York, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Export Administration, Michael W. Tankersley, of Texas, to be Inspector General, Export-Import Bank, Robert M. Couch, of Alabama, to be General Counsel of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, and Janis Herschkowitz, of Pennsylvania, and Nguyen Van Hanh, of California, and David George Nason, of Rhode Island, each to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Consumer Cooperative Bank.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee ordered favorably reported the following items:

S. 1300, to amend title 49, United States Code, to authorize appropriations for the Federal Aviation Administration for fiscal years 2008 through 2011, to improve aviation safety and capacity, to modernize the air traffic control system, with amendments;

S. 694, to direct the Secretary of Transportation to issue regulations to reduce the incidence of child injury and death occurring inside or outside of light motor vehicles, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

The nomination of David James Gribbin, IV, of Virginia, to be General Counsel of the Department of Transportation and a promotion list in the United States Coast Guard.

MERCURY

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Clean Air and Nuclear Safety concluded a hearing to examine the state of mercury regulation, science, and technology, after receiving testimony from Douglas P. Scott, Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, Springfield; Alissa Wolfe, New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Trenton; David C. Schanbacher, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Austin; Martha Hastay Keating, Duke University Children's Environmental Health Initiative, Durham, North Carolina; Guy L. Pipitone, FirstEnergy Corporation, Akron, Ohio; David C. Foerter, Institute of Clean Air Companies, Washington, DC; and Leonard Levin, Electric Power Research Institute, Palo Alto, California.

U.S. TRADE PREFERENCE PROGRAMS

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the efficacy of United States trade preference programs, after receiving testimony from Meredith Broadbent, Assistant United States Trade Representative for Industry, Market Access, and Telecommunications; Muhammad Yunus, Grameen Bank, Dhaka, Bangladesh; Eric Reinhardt, Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia; Marcos Iberkleid, Ametex, La Paz, Bolivia; and Katrin Kuhlmann, Women's Edge Coalition, Washington, DC.

INTERNET DRUG TRAFFICKING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine rogue online pharmacies, focusing on the growing problem of internet drug trafficking, including S. 980, to amend the Controlled Substances Act to address online pharmacies, and S. 399, to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to include podiatrists as physicians for purposes of covering physicians services under the Medicaid program, after receiving testimony from Joseph T. Rannazzisi, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Diversion Control, Drug Enforcement Administration, Department of Justice; Francine Hahn Haight, Ryan's Cause, Laguna Niguel, California; Joseph A. Califano, Jr., Columbia University, New York, New York; Philip B. Heymann, Harvard Law School, Cambridge, Massachusetts; and A. Thomas McLellan, Treatment Research Institute, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: Committee ordered favorably reported S. 1256, to amend the Small Business Act to reauthorize loan programs under that Act, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

NOMINATION

Committee on Veterans Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing on the nomination of Michael J. Kussman, of Massachusetts, to be Under Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Health, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Akaka, testified and answered questions in his own behalf, and after receiving testimony from Darrell G. Kirch, Association of American Medical Colleges, and Robert E. Wallace, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, both of Washington, D.C.; Frederick J. Frese III, National Alliance on Mental Illness, Arlington, Virginia; and Douglas H. Mitchell, Jr., Association of VA Social Workers, Mesa, Arizona.

MEDICARE ADVANTAGE

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the sales and marketing by Medicare health plans, including Medicare Advantage organizations and Medicare Part D prescription drug plan sponsors, after receiving testimony from Abby L. Block, Director, Center for Beneficiary Choices, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services; Sean Dilweg, Wisconsin Insurance Commissioner, Madison; Kim Holland, Oklahoma Insurance Commissioner, and Albert Sochor, Old Surety Life Insurance Company, both of Oklahoma City; Sherry Mowell, Georgia Office of the Insurance and Safety Fire Commissioner, Atlanta; Karen Ignagni, America's Health Insurance Plans, Washington, D.C.; Heidi Margulis, Humana Inc., Louisville, Kentucky; Peter J. Clarkson, UnitedHealth Group, Minnetonka, Minnesota; and Gary Bailey, WellCare Health Plans, Inc., Tampa, Florida.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 20 public bills, H.R. 2336–2355; and 3 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 149; and H. Res. 410–411 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

Conference report on S. Con. Res. 21, a resolution setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2008 and includ-

ing the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2007 and 2009 through 2012 (H. Rept. 110–153);

H.R. 811, to amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to require a voter-verified permanent paper ballot under title III of such Act, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–154);

H.R. 698, to amend the Federal Deposit Insurance Act to establish industrial bank holding company regulation, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–155); and